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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF NEW SOVIET BOOK LINKS ZIONISM TO THE STATE
OF ISRAEL

1. A REVIEW OF "WILD WORMWOOD", A NEW BOOK BY SOVIET
JOURNALIST TSESAR SOLODAR, APPEARS IN LITERATURNAYA GAZETA
FOR APRIL 6. THE ARTICLE, ENTITLED "ZIONISM
INDICTED" AND WRITTEN BY PROFESSOR G. BONDARYEVSKIY
(UNKNOWN TO US), IS NOTEWORTHY FOR TWO REASONS. THE
REVIEWER DEVOTES AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF SPACE TO THE ALLEGED
PRACTICE OF SOVIET JEWS RECEIVING VYZOV'S FROM FICTIONAL
RELATIVES IN ISRAEL. AND HE DEPARTS FROM USUAL SOVIET
ANTI-ZIONIST PROPAGANDA BY EXPLICITLY LINKING ZIONIST
ACTIVITIES TO ISRAEL. AS A RULE, ANTI-ZIONIST STORIES OF
THIS SORT DRAG IN THE US AS A MAIN CENTER OF ZIONIST
ACTIVITIES. IN THIS ARTICLE, ONLY ISRAEL IS MENTIONED.

2. ASIDE FROM THESE TWO POINTS, THE REVIEW IS COUCHED
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IN STANDARD ANTI-ZIONIST TERMS. THE REVIEWER DISCUSSES
THE PROBLEMS WHICH SOVIET JEWS HAVE WHEN THEY REACH
ISRAEL, NOTES THE SEPHARDIC/ASHKENAZIC RIVALRY AND THE
PROBLEM THIS POSES, AND TRIES TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION
THAT MOST SOVIET JEWS WHO IMMIGRATE TO ISRAEL ARE, IN
FACT, UNHAPPY.

3. TO JUDGE FROM THE REVIEW, "WILD WORMWOOD" IS APPARENTLY MADE UP OF INTERVIEWS WHICH THE AUTHOR CONDUCTED WITH DISSATISFIED SOVIET JEWS WHO HAD LEFT ISRAEL TO SETTLE IN WESTER EUROPE. THE REVIEWER NOTES THAT THE BOOK IS A GOOD COLLECTION OF FACTS AND DOCUMENTS ABOUT THE "AGGRESSIVE ANTI-SOVIET POLICY" OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS. SEVERAL ANTI-ZIONIST BOOKS HAVE APPEARED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS; THIS IS THE FIRST ONE THAT HAS BEEN REVIEWED IN THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS SOVIET INTELLECTUAL WEEKLY. TOON

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